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Sir:

Applicants filed a response to the Office Action of December 8, 2003, on April 8, 2004, and a Request for Continued Examination on June 8, 2004 (see attached print-out from the PAIR system), but have not received any further action or other communications from the Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants therefore respectfully request to be apprised as to when they may expect further action.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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